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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Office of Technical Service

SUBJECT : Redesignation of Agency Auditorium

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1. I am in receipt of your very thoughtful memorandum of 2 January 1976, wherein you suggest we give consideration to designating our auditorium as the Richard S. Welch Auditorium.

2. There is indeed merit to your suggestion and I took the liberty of discussing it with my colleagues at a recent daily staff meeting. After some discussion it would appear to be the consensus that in light of all those employees who have given their lives, it might not be in the essence of fairness to perpetuate the memory of only one by affixing his name to the auditorium.

3. I do want you to know, however, that several other ideas are under active consideration to memorialize Mr. Welch and as our thoughts crystallize, our employees will be kept aware. I again thank you very much for your idea which indeed has considerable merit.

W. E. Colby  
Director

ORIGINATED BY:

/s/ John F. Blake

13 JAN 1976

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